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MRS. CLUBWALA JADHAV
State Commissioner (Guides)

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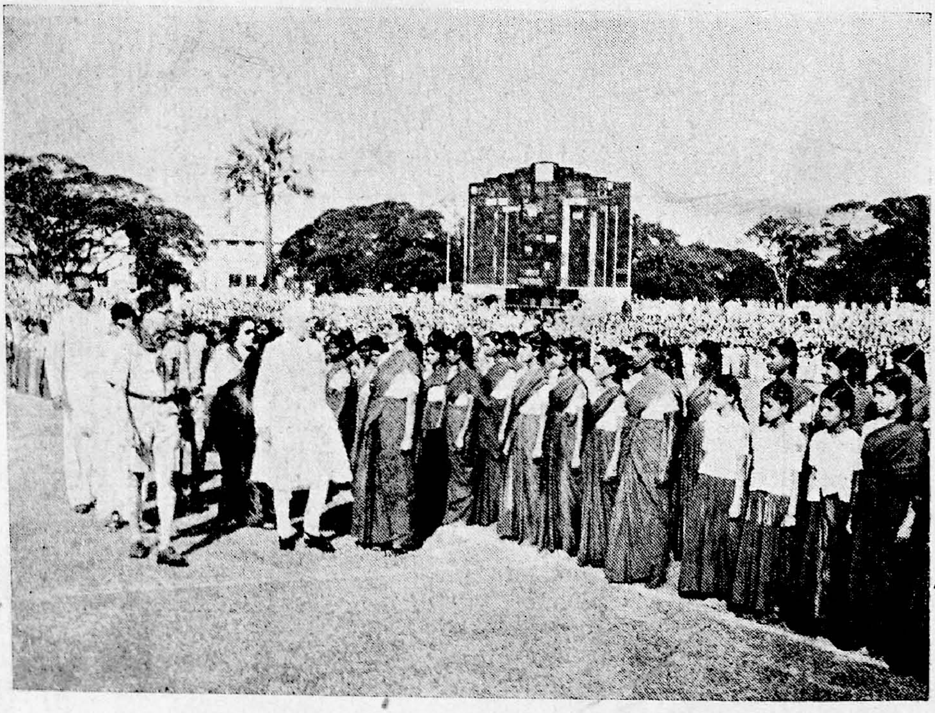

WITH OUR GUIDES AT THE YOUTH RALLY

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OURSELVES

1955 : Speaking of the work in 1955 and in the future years Dame Leslie Whateley, the Director of the World Bureau of Girl Scouts strikes a note of encouragement and optimism.

" Money, moreover, in itself will not achieve the aims of our World Association. I have been privileged to see Guiding in so many different parts of the world ; I would say that the degree of our success as a world Movement depends, in the future, very largely on the extent to which we can bring Guides of the East and West together and the degree to which Leaders all over the world exercise the art of give and take and, in so doing, develop that all-powerful characteristic—tolerance.

I do not think I can do better than finish this message for the future by quoting from a talk given by Mr. Dag Hammerskjold, Secretary-General to the United Nations, when he spoke to Non-Governmental Organisations, of which the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is a member. Mr. Hammerskjold said that he felt the two most important factors in international work today were flexibility and integrity—integrity meaning belief in our sense of direction. He said we must be able to adjust to conditions without losing our way ; have the courage of our convictions and also the courage of our mistakes and that we will not get anywhere unless we are willing to take risks. The key, he felt, in international relations is human decency.

I believe human decency, which embraces tolerance and a balanced give and take, can only be a living reality in vast world organisations if spiritual values are the basis upon which these organisations seek to achieve their object

In conclusion may we take courage from our mistakes in the past and never flinch from taking risks if we believe those risks will further the cause of our World Association in the future, for " it is not the life that matters but the courage we bring to it ".

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, India's representative in the United Nations was kind enough to visit our State

Headquarters, last month and spend an hour with our workers. It is indeed a great pleasure to have had him with us and hear him speak to us.

Mr. Krishna Menon was closely associated with Dr. Besant and Dr. Arundale in the early days of Scouting in India as a Scout Commissioner.

Whatever work he took up he threw himself heart and soul into the work, and never spared himself nor would he spare his colleagues. He was an ideal Scout Commissioner in that he would always set an example to others. He was not a leader who would exploit his colleagues or boss over or look for the front places, but would first be in the field working with the boys before others would come Not only this, as an ideal Scout Commissioner, he ran his own Scout Group and he did not choose a pleasant locality and boys of the privileged classes but took up a place in a thickly populated area like Chintadripet and Komaleswaranpet and boys of the poorer classes and yet his group was very active, efficient and progressive.

It had its own club room, a craft shed and a regular programme to follow. In fact the Club room was the Youth Centre, where he used to spend all the available leisure time he had.

He tore himself away from his family surroundings very early in life, in order that he may serve better, the larger family of the country and Humanity

He was frank and out-spoken in his views and would state them without fear or favour. His spirit of selfless service won the affection of his friends and colleagues and the admiration of Dr. Besant, his leader.

We are happy and proud of the fact that he plays a very important role in the field of International politics and has risen high in the estimation of our Prime Minister and other World Leaders. His work is in essence a mission of peace, like a true Scout. His untiring work for India, has very rightly given him a place of importance in international affairs, which he occupies with distinction today.

It was suggested at the meeting that he should once again associate himself with our Movement of Scouts and Guides, in some capacity or other at the National level, perhaps as a roving International Scout Commissioner. Mr. Krishna Menon's speech is published elsewhere.

"PADMA SHRI" to our State Commissioner (Guides): We congratulate Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, our State Commissioner, Guides on the well merited distinction of 'PADMA SHRI' conferred on her by the President of India in recognition of her valuable services to the country. We have reason to feel a special joy over this, because her work among others as a State Commissioner Guides has been recognised in a fitting manner. Mrs. Jadhav is an active worker in the various fields of Social Service. She is associated with over 100 Organisations which do social service both in the city and in the State. She is an Honorary Presidency Magistrate and a Justice of the Peace. She is also a member of the State Legislative Council. How she finds time to attend to all these is a mystery. She is a dynamic personality and has travelled wide.

Her ceaseless work for the poor and downtrodden is well-known. Our hearty congratulations to her.

The B.S.G Journal: We welcome the publication of the Official Organ of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at the National Headquarters, a monthly journal edited by Sri K. G. Vaidyanathan, National Secretary. The first issue which is called the announcement issue by them is published this month (January) and contains useful articles and information This is a very useful medium to learn about the various activities that are taking place in the various States as well as outside. The subscription per year is Rs 6/-. We wish the journal a very useful career.

Sarvodaya Day: On 30th Jan. '55 in memory of the passing away of Father of the Nation, Gandhiji the observance of the day took several forms in different places of the country, non-stop spinning, prayers, Bajans, meetings etc. by way of paying our respect to the revered memory.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras observed it in the proper Scouty way which would have won the appreciation of the Father of the Nation, if he were alive today.

The Rover Scouts drawn from the Government Training School, Egmore assembled at the site given to the Seva Samajam Boys Home for destitute children at the Saligram Village to construct a road connecting the main Kodambakkam road and the Boys Home site. Exactly at 8-30 A.M. they divided themselves into eight patrols and under the direction of the Divisional Engineer High Ways Mr. S. R. Naidu, started at the respective plots shown to them digging up and filling the pits on the road and levelling it. The start was given by turning the first sod by Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner Guides followed by Mrs. Krishnamurthy, Chairman of the Seva Samajam Boys Home Committee, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, S. S. and Vice-Chairman of the Seva Samajam Boys Home Committee, Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, Scouts and Mr. Radha Krishna Chetty, the Treasurer of the Seva Samajam Committee and the Scouts under the supervision of Mr. M. Ram Mohan, Assistant State Organising Commissioner, and Sri S. Sundaravaradan, Headmaster, Government Training School, Egmore They will continue this work every day for 12 days by 2 batches working for six days each and complete the road to a distance of six furlongs.

Thanks to Mr. A. V. M. Meyyappa Chettiar of the A. V. M. Studios the Scouts are housed in the Studios near by, where boarding arrangements are also made.

This is indeed the best way to pay our homage to the departed Leader.

Community Project: In response to our circular issued last month for organising the summer rural service camps under the Block Development and National Extension Scheme, the Districts of Ramanathapuram, Salem, Mathurai, Coimbatore, Chingleput and Madras City have already taken steps to organise and are in touch with the Project Officers and the District Collectors fixing up details. We hope the other districts will let us know their plan regarding this matter It is suggested that every district should undertake atleast one Project during the summer months.

—*Editor.*

Nehru Witnesses Peace

PANDIT NEHRU

OVER 35,000 children cheered Prime Minister Nehru at a rally at the Corporation stadium on January 17, 1955 when he set at liberty a dove carrying a gold-coloured olive twig symbolising world peace.

The "Dove of Peace" was earlier handed to him by the "Angel of Peace" a teen-aged girl-student dressed like a Greek Goddess.

Later addressing the rally, Mr. Nehru described children as "the beautiful flowers in the garden of India" He exhorted them to learn all things about the different kinds of people living in India as all of them belonged to the same big family "I hope" he added, 'these flowers, here in Madras and all over India, will grow up and beautify the garden of India"

The programme included interesting demonstration of activities by the Scouts and Guides, three wings of the National Cadet Corps, and other students.

Long before the arrival of the Prime Minister, the Stadium galleries, packed to capacity with gay little children, in their bright and colourful dresses, looked like a lovely garden of flowers.

Emphasising how they in the different parts of the country belonged to "a big family", Mr. Nehru advised children "to know the country and the kinds of people living here."

Mr. Nehru addressed the children at the end of the interesting programme, in Hindi for about five minutes and later translated the speech himself into English.

Mr. C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance, again translated the speech into Tamil.

Mr. Nehru arrived at the Stadium in an open car and entering by the northern gate, went round the stadium amidst thunderous cheers from the children, who waved their handkerchieves in glee.

With folded hands and with a beaming smile on his face, Mr. Nehru accepted their greetings. He made another half round and got down in front of the pavilion on the southern side where the distinguished guests were seated.

Accompanied by Mr. Subramaniam, Mr. Nehru inspected Units of the N.C.C., Leaders of Scouts and Guides were next introduced to him. He also inspected the troops of Scouts and Guides, thus practically making another round of the Stadium by foot.

Angel of Peace

After the inspection, the Prime Minister took his seat in the pavilion and watched the peace pageant and physical demonstrations. By his side were seated, Governor Sri Prakasa, Mr. Kamaraj, Agricultural Minister Baktavatsalam, Finance Minister Subramaniam, Chief Justice Rajamannar and Mrs Ammu Swaminathan, M. P.

The first item on the programme was a spectacular procession of sixteen trucks which were gaily decorated, and carried girls dressed in the costumes of various nations. The first represented India, with 'Bharat Matha' standing in the centre. Slowly followed trucks representing Africa, America, Burma, China, Ceylon, England, France, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Spain and Switzerland. In each truck was found the native scenes of the respective countries portrayed, with girls dressed in the respective national costumes. Finally came the chariot of Peace, with the 'Angel of Peace' smiling gracefulfy.

Pageantry of Children

The "Angel of Peace"—portrayed by Miss Dogra of Church Park Convent, who was dressed in spotless white silk like a Greek goddess, stepped down from the truck and walking to the rostrum, handed a white dove carrying a gold-coloured olive twig symbolising world peace.

Mr Nehru rose from his seat and receiving the dove, immediately released it. Amidst prolonged cheers, the dove, set at liberty by the Prime Minister, flew across the stadium and into the horizon.

A Scout drummer, seated on a dwarfy bull, led the pageant He was followed by Scouts on dummy horses, known as Poikal Kudirai, (dummy horses) or Tanjore horses These horses, along with a procession of devotees carrying their religious 'guru' (A S C. K. Seshadri) with 'nadaswaram' being played, was provided by the Scouts and Scoutmasters of the Tanjore district who had come here to participate in the rally.

The guides and scouts also staged a lazim drill and 'zulu' dance. The N C.C. units then staged a march past and there was also an aero model display. There was also demonstration of physical activities by scouts and others.

Another item, a demonstration of drill exercises by a large number of girls dressed in clolourful Punjabi costumes, lining themselves on a semi-circle, was very impressive

The last item was a chorus dance by 'gopikas' carrying mud pots painted in white and vermillion.

On behalf of the organisers of the rally, Ashok Parthasarathy, a student, welcomed the Prime Minister. "We have heard and known from your writings and speeches that you have a warm corner in yonr heart for the boys and girls of India To-day, we say that it is true. We thank you very deeply", he said and requested Mr Nehru to speak a few words to them. "Your words and message would be a great inspiration throughout our life and help every-one of us to give his best to India," he added

The Prime Minister then addressed the students., for about five minutes in Hindi. At the end, he translated it in English.

Nehru's Speech

Following is the text of Mr. Nehru's speech.

"Dear children, I am happy and proud to be here and to see you, because I see beautiful fllowers in the garden of India here

"We have got to make our country 'Bharat'—a great and beautiful garden. In this garden there are many trees, big trees and all scenery. So, when I see these flowers of India whereever I go in this great country, I am happy.

"some days ago, I was far away from here, in Ahmedabad and there I saw many small children of that City also give a performance in a way like you have done, if not quite this way. I was happy. Even in Delhi I see children do the same thing and all over India, we have these children of india-little boys and girls, growing up very happy and training themselves for big things to come.

"How do we train ourselves in many things? We work in our schools and we play in our playgrounds, we dance, sing and do so many other things, because training ourselves does not mean merely reading books Above all, we have to learn about our country—what our country is. I go about all over the country and see little boys and girls in the north, south, east and west and I find that they are very much the same every-where in our great country. So you have to know the country and the kinds of people living here, because we are members of the same big family. We have to know each other in this family.

"I hope these flowers will grow up here in Madras and all over India and beautify the garden of India."

Mr C. Subramaniam translated the speech into Tamil. With the singing of National Anthem, the delightful function came to a close.

DISTRICTS AT WORK

TIRUCHIRAPALLI

A mass Republic Day Rally was held on 26-1-55 (Wednesday) at 4 P M at the Bishop Heber High School Grounds, Teppakulam, Tiruchi Mr. R S Malayappan, I.A S., District Collector, presided over the function The function commenced with unfurling of the National Flag by the District Commissioner of Scouts Sri T. Swami Desikachariar In welcoming the President Dr. V. K Ranganathan, Secretary of the Association said that it was a happy augury on the auspicious day of National rejoicing to have the head of the District as the President of the day. After the March past in which the Collector took the salute, he presented the Warrant to Sri P. R Sreenivasan, A.D C With a vote of thanks by Sri K V. Rathnam, A D.C and singing of JANA GANA MANA the function terminated.

PUDUKKOTTAI LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The sixth Anniversary of our Indian Republic was celebrated by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Local Association, Pudukkottai on the 26th Jan. 55 at 4 P M. in the old Palace grounds. More than 300 Scouts, Guides, Bulbuls and Cubs participated in the Rally. Sri P S. Ebinezer B A L T, M E S., Special Officer for Education, Pudukkottai presided over the function. He took the salute at the March Past. The National Flag was hoisted by Smt. N Rajambal Ammal B.A.L.T., M E S. Superintendent, Ranee s High School for Girls. The Scouts and Guides reaffirmed their promise Sri A D M. Prakasam, B A.L.T , Assistant District Commissioner proposed the vote of thanks

TANJORE DISTRICT

"Tilak Troop", National High School, Mannargudi

Under the auspices of the Tilak Scout Group, the School Community of the National High School, Mannargudi observed the Sarvodaya Day. Sri G. S Krishnamurti Ayyar BSc., B L , District Munsif and President of the Local Scout Association presided. Sri A V Thiagaraja Sastrigal, Headmaster welcomed the gathering. The whole group engaged itself in silent spinning Sri P. V. Muthukrishna Ayyar addressed the gathering on the Life and Ideal of Mahatma Gandhi After distribution of sweets to the children, Sri R Visvanathan, Cubmaster proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

TANJORE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Sri V. Akshayam, Secretary, Tanjore Local Scout Association of Bharat Scouts and Guides paid a visit to our State Headquarters recently and reported that very good work is being carried on by the local Association with the co-operation of his colleagues under the direction of Sri A Y S Parisutha Nadar, District Scout Commissioner. Mr. Parisutha Nadar is connected with the movement for many years and it is good to realise that his guidance is always available to our Movement

SOUTH ARCOT

The Chinnathachur Netaji Cub pack celebrated the Republic Day in a fitting manner. The Headmaster Sri Sankaranarayana Sastri unfurled the flag and Sri S K. Bhuvaraghavan addressed the boys

CUDDALORE N.T.

On 31-1-55, a Taluk Scout Rally was organised under the auspices of the South Arcot Bharat Scouts and Guides, District Association at St Joseph's High School grounds. About 500 Scouts from Panruti, Cuddalore O. T., Kurinjipadi and Cuddalore N. T. took part in the Rally. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner (Scouts) Madras State presided. Sri V. Krishnamurthy, District Commissioner welcomed the Chairman of the Elementary Education Committee, Dr. Alagappa Chettiar, and the members of the Committee and the gathering. Dr. Alagappa Chettiar presented the warrant of the District Commissioner (Guides) to Mrs. Rani Manuel, M.A.L T., Several interesting campfire items were gone through which were very much appreciated by the distinguished guests and the public. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu in his speech advised the Scouts to have an international outlook and to be ready to do service to others.

Sri A. R. K. Moorthy, President of the District Association proposed a vote of thanks.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE YEAR 1954—'55

Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Warrant No.	Name	Area
201/6—1—1955	Sri. K. S. Sampath	Mathurai Dt.
202/6—1—1955	Sri. P. Achutha Menon	Ponnani Taluk

15th World Conference in Holland

Mrs L. Mazumdar who represented the Bharat Scouts and Guides at the 15th World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held in Holland in 1954, reported to the National Headquarters thus:

The 15th World Conference was held in Woblds-choten Ziest—a beautiful wooded part of Holland. Thirty-four countries participated in the Conference, of which twenty-six were full members of the Association. The Guides Section of the Bharat Scouts and Guides participated in the Conference for the first time as a full member. All the member countries were very happy to see India again in this capacity. There was all round goodwill and appreciation for the Guides in India from almost all the countries.

In this Report, I do not propose to recite the detailed proceedings of the Conference, which will be available in its minutes. I would only refer to the important decisions taken in the Conference, on which the National Headquarters will have to take necessary action as soon as possible.

Training Policy It was unanimously decided that in order to examine the past Training policy and also to frame the future policy in this matter, a QUO VADIS should be held in September 1957 at the Chalet Switzerland. At this QUO VADIS, the question of setting up a Training Committee or a panel of advisers or the appointment of a Commissioner for Training will be discussed and the recommendations of the Conference will be considered by the World Committee. The Plan and Programme of the QUO VADIS will be drawn up by a planning Committee consisting of ten experienced Trainers from different countries. From Asia, Begum Sahida, a trainer from Pakistan, and Miss Moran of Australia, have been taken on the Committee.

I must make it clear that the World Committee do not visualise rigid and uniform rules and methods of Training for different countries. The Committee recognise the desirability of each country adapting its methods of training according to its own cultural traditions and requirements, based on the *fundamentals of Scouting* as conceived by the Founder. In the QUO VADIS, plans will be drawn up for the training of the Guides in different branches of guiding for the different regions of the world specially for the countries where guiding is in an infant stage or has not yet come into being. I expect discussions will be held as to how guiding can be adapted to suit the needs of the present generation. India could and should contribute a great deal to these discussions. I strongly recommend that at least one of our Trainers should represent India at this Conference.

A Brownie Guiders' training camp and a Conference on Ranger Training will be held in England in August 1955 and at the Chalet in September 1955. The Trainer, who may be selected *for the QUO VADIS* should also attend these Conferences.

Co-operation between Scouts and Guides. The resolution submitted by the Boy Scouts 14th International Conference was placed before the Conference and was discussed at length at three discussion groups. India took a leading part in this discussion as she was the only full-member country where the Scouts and Guides are co-operating in a joint movement. The following resolution was passed by the Conference and would be forwarded to the Boy Scouts International:—
"This Conference agrees—

(a) that a thorough study of the field of co-operation and co-education in Scouting by the Boy Scouts International Bureau and World Bureau of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on an international level would be profitable.

(b) that studies of the national pattern of co-education and its bearing on Girl Guide/Girl Scout activities by the different Girl Guide/Girl Scout Associations would be equally profitable, these studies to be free from prejudice and covering as wide a field as possible.

This Conference strongly recommends that the decision to take part in such a study should be left to the discretion of the individual member countries."

The last paragraph of the resolution was accepted on the motion of the Indian representative, who explained that in India detailed discussion and negotiations were held by the Guide and Scout Associations before the merger. The merger took place only after full agreement had been arrived at by the Associations. A fresh study would be quite unnecessary in her case. This point was appreciated by the Conference and the resolution was modified accordingly.

At the Norway Conference, the position of India was very delicate, as most of the member countries looked askance at the initiative taken by India for a joint movement. I am glad to report that I found a definite change in this attitude at the last Conference. The member countries have accepted the principle of increased co-operation between the Scouts and Guides. They have also accepted the idea of joint movement based on the principles of the resolution passed by the 14th Conference. It will be a matter of great satisfaction to us that the Guide Sections of Israel and Iceland have been accepted as members of the World Association. In both these countries they have joint movements.

Refugee work in India I am glad to report that, on the recommendation of the World Committee, the Conference has budgetted for £ 1,000 per year for three consecutive years for guiding among the refugees in India. This money has been provided for out of the Thinking Day Fund, to which all Guides and Brownies contribute voluntarily (a penny per head) on the *Thinking* Day for the promotion of guiding in the World. Very few individual countries get this kind of financial help. We are grateful to the World Director whose abundant sympathy and goodwill

for India is responsible for this special recommendation and treatment.

There is a proposal that a regional Bureau for Eastern Countries should be organised on the same or similar model as that of the Western Hemisphere On account of her geographical and world position, India will have to play a leading part in the scheme India cannot expect to do so, unless she takes part in all important international matters.

Next World Conference. A decision was taken that the 16th World Conference would be held after an interval of three years instead of two. India supported this proposal on the ground that in view of her financial position it would be easier for her to send delegates to the Conference if it is held after a louger interval The next World Conference will be held in Brazil in 1957. India extended her invitation to the World Conference to hold its session in India in 1960 All the delegates were very happy about this Especially among the European countries there is a great deal of respect for India and eagerness and earnestness to know more about tne culture and traditions of our anicent country. If the Conference is held in India, the delegates would have a chance of seeing for themselves what is happening in India after Independence. I would recommend that the National Headquarters should send an official invitation to the World Bureau at an early date

It was proposed that a Conferce of the International Commissioners should be organised next year at the Challet. India pointed out that it would be difficult for her to send her delegates to such a distance, especially when she was expected to send her Trainer for the QUO Vadis. India proposed that these conferences might be convened on a regional basis. Accordingly, it was decided that three regional meetings for International Commissioners Conference should take place and a liaison officer should be appointed by the World Committee to attend all these meetings.

Quite a few delegates were anxious to know if India would take the responsibility and invite the Conference in India for Asia. I did not like to commit myself without consulting the National Headquarters. I would, however, recommend that India should offer to arrange this Conference in the winter of 1955.

World Camp. It was decided that a World Camp, spread over three regions should be held in the Founder's Centenary year 1957 Countries wishing to be the hostess for such regional camps should send their invitations to the World Bureau not later than the 1st April, 1955. Such invitations should also indicate the most suitable time of the year and the numbers which could be accommodated. I would recommed that India should invite this camp in India.

Centenary. The Conference requested the member countries to send suggestions regarding the celebration of the Centenary to the World Bureau not later than the 1st May.

Lastly, I must record my grateful thanks to the Guides and members of tne Dutch Guide Association for all the hospitality and kindness showered on the delegates of the Conference. We were most warmly received and feted wherever we went.

The Conference itself was a great success.

B. S. G. JOURNAL

GONE HOME

We regret to note the sudden passing away of Sri Somanchi Lingayya, Assistant State Commissioner, Andhra State Sri Lingayya was well known in Scouting circles, for many years. He has been associated with the movement, in fact from its inception, from his student days at Madanapalli. He was a great enthusiast and an ardent worker. Very simple in his life and devoted to the causes which are calculated to serve the people A sincere follower of Dr. Besant, he tried to emulate her example and reflect in his life something of the noble character his leader possessed. His passing away is a great loss to the Scout movement and his place is difficult to fill. He put service before self like a true Scout.

THE CAMPOREE

THE following description of a Camporee is based upon a pamphlet issued by the Canadian Boy Scouts Association. Even if the whole scheme cannot be adopted, the list of Camporee Projects may suggest ideas for Troop activities, and the items on the Score Sheet may be a useful guide in camp inspections.

A CAMPOREE is a Scouting adventure for Boy Scout Patrols working under the leadership of their own Patrol Leaders. It is a useful means of encouraging hiking, camping and other outdoor Scouting activities, and an excellent preliminary training for Patrol System summer Camps.

A Camporee may be run as a Troop project with the Patrol of a single Troop participating, or it may be run on a district basis, with Patrols from a number of Troops taking part.

A Camporee is not a competition in which there is a winner declared but an opportunity to achieve a standard set up by the Camporee Committee. All Patrols have an equal opportunity to earn recognition by striving for the top standard in camping. On the basis of the points earned each Patrol is graded "A", "B" or "C" (See grading and scoring, below).

A Camporee is definitely a boys' activity and for that reason the Scoutmaster, even if attending the Camporee, should give no supervision to his own Patrols. It is important to remember that while the Camporee is a form of competition, first consideration should be given to making it a happy Scouting adventure.

Pre-Training

The standard attained by a Patrol at a Camporee will depend entirely upon the Pre-Camporee Training received in the Troop. This is where the Scoutmaster plays his role. Patrols should be given the training necessary for participation in a Camporee. A study of the score sheets at the end of this article will outline the activities in which special training is required. A Troop Camporee is a worthwhile preliminary to a District Camporee.

Special attention should be given to internal Patrol organisation, division of duties, etc., as those are points in which Patrols are too often weak.

How it Operates

Each Patrol participating in the Camporee is assigned a Patrol site measuring at least 40 by 50 feet, upon which the Patrol must erect its Patrol camp, complete with sleeping tent, fireplace for cooking, garbage and grease pits, woodcutting place, latrine, etc.

THE PATROLS. Encouragement should be given to the participation of regular Patrols within the Troop, and where this is not possible, composite Patrols made up from members of the same Troop, are better than the Troop being denied the opportunity to take part. Each Troop should be free to enter as many Patrols as it wishes. However, these Patrols should consist of not more than eight boys and not less than five—the Patrol Leader included.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PATROLS. Instructions to Patrols should be very clear. They should state what is expected in the matter of tents, kits, food, containers, etc. Proper menus should be prepared by Patrols beforehand, and food lists made up, which must be available for inspection by Camporee Observers. Scouts should bring food which requires cooking, rather than canned foods, and lightweight foods should be considered. Food should be purchased in Patrol quantities and prepared in Patrol lots. Patrols eat as units, and not as individual boys.

Each Patrol must come to the Camporee completely self-contained and correct Scout uniform should be insisted upon.

The Camporee Committee may lay down its own rules regarding transportation of Patrols and equipment to the Camporee site. Scouts should hike not less than the last half-mile (preferably farther) to the site with their equipment on their backs.

Each Patrol should be made aware of the subjects on which they will be graded.

Patrols should be given to understand that their camping methods and conduct will be under observation by the Observers from the time of their arrival until their departure.

Each Patrol should draw a number on arrival and for the duration of the Camporee should be designated by number only. GRADING AND SCORING. Inspecting and grading of Patrols should be carried out by the judges with the least possible interference with the Patrols as they carry on their work. Observers should be issued with prepared score sheets.

It is essential that there be a sufficient number of Observers on the staff so that each section or part of a section of the scoring can be assigned to one man, who will rate all the Patrols participating in that particular section. This assures an even standard of appraisal. Observers, after making inspection, should point out to the Patrols where they lost points, and show them how to improve their methods.

Patrols are scored on a possible 200 points. (The total possible number of points may be set by the Camporee Committee as long as there is an equitable breakdown for the various section)

The grades would be as follows

Grade "A" Patrol	...	180 to 200 points (90 to 100 percent)
Grade "B" Patrol	...	150 to 179 points (75 to 89 percent)
Grade "C" Patrol	...	120 to 149 points (60 to 74 percent)

Patrols receiving less than 60 per cent would not be graded.

—to be continued

'JAMBOREE'

PROJECT WORKS IN VILLAGES

SCOUTS TO DONATE LABOUR

SALEM, Feb. 2

Inaugurating the first conference of educational authorities and Scout and Guide Officers of the district, held on January 30 at the local Municipal College hall, under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mr T. M Kaliannan, M L A, President, Salem District Board, referred to the nation-building activities of Government through Community Project work and National Extension Service and pointed out how the Scout movement could play a useful role for the economic betterment of the people at large, while at the same time they could gain for themselves a first-hand knowledge of rural conditions and enlist the sympathy of the rural folk He assured, on behalf of the District Board, that he would do his best for the advancement of the movement.

The conference was attended by the headmasters of the Secondary schools and the staff of the Education Department in the district including Miss S. Bagyam, Divisional Inspectress of Schools, besides the representatives of the taluk organisations of the Scout movement and several Scoutmasters and Guiders. The proceedings began with flag-hoisting by Mr. K. Narayanan Nair, District educational Officer, who also presided over the conference.

Mr. S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts) welcoming the delegates and others, stated that the conference had been convened at the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction, Mr N D Sundaravadivelu, so that there could be perfect co-ordination among the office-bearers of the movement, the heads of institutions and the general public. It has been proposed, he said, to run two Scout camps in May next, each lasting for three weeks, for doing some concrete project work with the assistance of 300 volunteers preferably belonging to the Scout movement, and the Union Government had agreed to bear the expenditure at the rate of two rupees per scouter towards it The laying of a six-furlong road, connecting Kattukottai village with Cuddalore main road in the Attur Block of the N E. S., had been suggested one of the two project works.

Mr K. Narayanan Nair, in his address, stressed the need for selecting a permanent camp site in some undisturbed part of the district where they could run a camp at least once a year and for raising a building at Salem to house the district organisation The Scout movement, being one of g[illegible] motivation, had to play a[n] important role in [the n]ew set-up. Pupils had to be trained to take up responsibility in a spirit of service. He suggested that class-librarie[s] and many other activities of schools might be left to the charge of Scouts and Guides and that the money saved, could be contributed to the Scouting organisation of the respective institutions.

Mr. P. D. Srinivasa Iyengar, Assistant Secretary, read messages received from Mr V. S. Rathnasabapathy, Secretary of the State Organisation, Mr. M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner, Madurai Division, and others.

In the discussions that ensued, Messrs S. M. Lakshmanan Chettiar (Namakkal), C Sadasivam (Rasipuram), K. Gopalan (Mettur Dam), A. S. Kandaswami Chettiar (Mallur) and S. Lakshminarayana Aiyar (Shevapet), Mr K. Serandiah Pillai, District Board Educational Officer, Salem, Mr. S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner, Mr K. S. Ramachandran, Scout Master, Mahajanan High School, and Mr K. V Ratnam, Assistant District Commissioner, Tiruchi participated At 11 a.m. a two-minute silence was observed in memory of the martyrs, to-day being the ' Martyrs Day ''.

Resolutions

Through resolutions passed in the afternoon session, the conference decided to undertake the running of youth camps in the ensuing summer holidays, in connection with the Community Project and N E.S schemes, and urged the Director of Public Instruction to amend suitably the rules relating to expenditure from out of the Scouting and Excursion Fund in Secondary Schools so that expenditure on non-recurring items could also be met. The managements of educational institutions were requested to depute teachers for Scout-training and bear the cost of the same, to supply necessary equipment for proper running of Scout and guide units in their institutions, and to arrange for running training camps, so as to provide each school with at least one trained scouter and guider, while the Government was asked to treat the days spent by teachers in training camps arranged by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, as '' on duty. ''

The conference suggested to Government to advise managements of high schools to permit collecting of scouting and excursion levy and spend it on excursions, camps, rallies, purchase of necessary scouting equipment, etc. It pleaded for allocating at least two periods per week in lower elementary schools in the three higher standards for scout and guide work. A suggestion was also made that a page in S.S L C books might be allotted for noting down the scouting or guiding activities of the respective candidates.

The conference appealed to the Government, through the District Collector, to allot the vacant site opposite the P W D. Inspection bungalow at Yercaud to the District Scout and Guide Association for running camps, and recommended to the District Board to appoint a full-time Scout Organiser to look after scouting and guiding work in schools under Board management

Mr. S V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts) proposed a vote of thanks.

After tea, there was a mass rally of Scouts and Guides in the compound of the Municipal College, when Mr. K. S. Venkataraman, District Superintendent of Police, took the salute at the march-past.

SCOUT CARNIVAL

Coimbatore's lead

A successful Carnival was held at Coimbatore for raising funds on 4th, 5th and 6th February 1955. Mr. C. Subramaniam, Education Minister inaugurated the Carnival. The Raja of Kollengode, the State Chief Commissioner Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, Sri J. I. Muthia, Sri V. C. Subbiah Gownder, Mrs. Roy Chatterjee, Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai, Mrs. S. P. Williams, Mrs. Arulanandam and their colleagues took part. Full report will be published in the next issue

TAKING STOCK

IN whatever work one is engaged in it is as well, from time to time, to stop and ask onself why one is doing it and—if one is satisfied that is worth doing, consider whether it is possible to do it better.

Why are any of us in the Scout and Guide Movement? Doubtless a number of different reasons will be found to have brought us together—men and women—old and young—from every part of the world But no one becomes a member without making the Promise "On my honour, I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my Country ; to help other people at all times and to obey the Scout/Guide Law". This promise is the focal point of all our activities.

How many of us realise that this promise is a challenge to the human spirit and can be likened to the desire to conquer Mount Everest. There was earth reaching to heaven and man was determined he would set foot on that highest point. It could not be done by individual effort. A team willing and capable of undertaking the task had to be formed. It was not achieved at the first attempt. It took generations of men, learning from the experience of those who attempted it before them to reach that submit and when it was conquered only two stood on the top. But they and everybody else, who had an interest in the matter, knew that the efforts of all the individuals who took part in this enterprise counted to get them there. Even those who were incapable of climbing, but from the desire to see the objective gained, gave something towards it, were a part of the team and shared in the triumph

The Scout and Guide Promise stands for the highest that can be achieved by man in the realm of the spirit. The hopes of mankind are forever centred in youth and youth will always aspire to the hights. And so we are in the Scout and Guide Movement to educate our boys and girls to live that Promise. Only a few will succeed but it's a great thing that so many should wish to do so.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides are in a sense a new team. Here adult men and women are combining as nature meant them to, to train the youngsters of Independent India to revere God and serve their country with the Scout and Guide Law giving them the right way of Life. It only remains for each of us professing to be a member of this team, to do our best in whatever job we are doing, remembering that every effort counts towards the achievement of our aims—but remembering too that our place, if necessary, could and should be taken by another, what matters is the work which will finally enable somebody to conquer that Everest.

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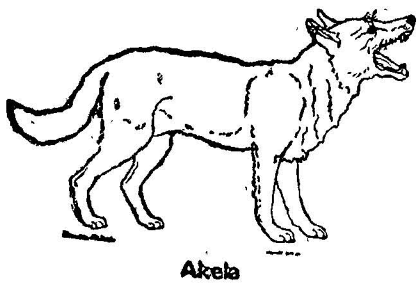

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At the Pachmarhi Training Commissioners Conference the question of replacing the word 'Cub' with some other more appropriate name was brought in during a discussion. It may be mentioned that the word 'Wolf Cub' did not find favour with people and so the word 'Wolf' was dropped and merely the Cub was retained. That is how we have the name 'Cub' for the Junior Section. One of the delegates evidently interested said "what is wrong with the Wolf? Perhaps there is nothing wrong with the Wolf. If there is anything wrong with anybody at all, it is with the people who want to call themselves Wolves or call the little ones Wolf Cubs." The National Commissioner who was presiding suggested why not Sher-ka-Bacha, the Lion Cub, and perhaps that was more appropriate and would be welcomed by us in India, if we must name the boy after an animal Cub at all.

It may be interesting to note in this connection that the great Patriot Lala Lajapat Rai was known as the "**Lion of the Punjab**". Even nearer here Mr. T. Prakasam till recently the Chief Minister of Andhra is respectfully and affectionately called the '**Andhra Kesari**' - the Andhra Lion. America has by the introduction of Bear Cub and the Lion Cub and Cub Scout, has completely upset the Wolf Cub Scheme and Polland has introduced Zutshi meaning thereby the "**Polar Bear**" instead of Wolf Cub. We are sorry for the poor Wolf.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED

(In Tamil)

We have received a copy of the book 'First Aid to the Injured' in Tamil by Captain G. Venkatappah, M B B S., Ex I.A.M C. He is an old Scout and he is an authority on the subject. The fact that he is blind (temporarily) has not stood in the way of producing such a valuable book full of information. The price of a copy is Rs. 1/8/- and every group should have a copy of this in its Library.

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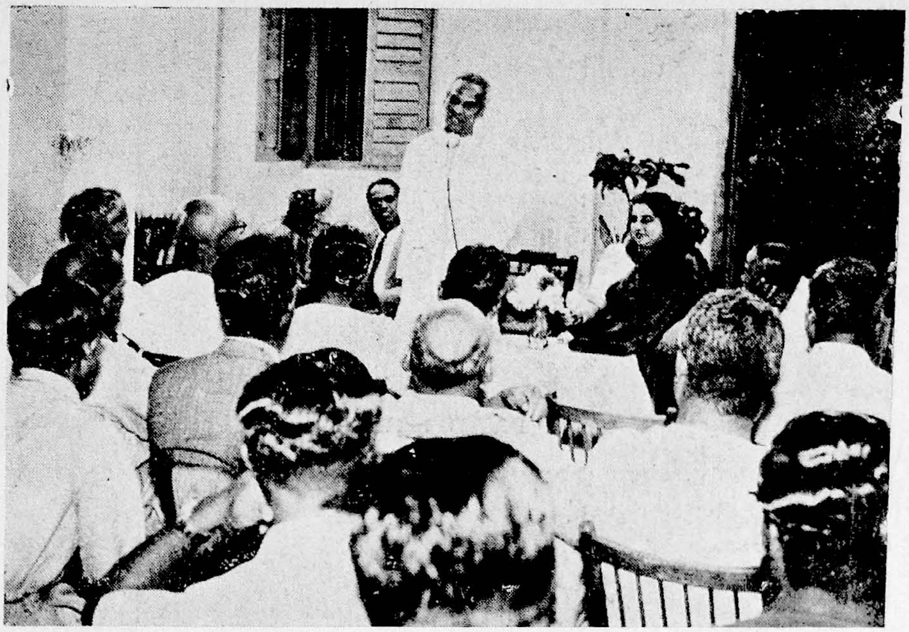

AT WENLOCK PARK

Team Spirit & Tolerance

Sri V. K. Krishna Menon's appeal to people. "The Scout movement will not endure if it depends on Government assistance, or spoon-feeding. What would conduce to the growth of the movement is the character and work of those engaged in it, stated Sri V. K. Krishna Menon, a former Scout Commissioner, addressing a gathering of Bharat Scouts and Guides at Wenlock Park on the morning of January 22, 1955. Those present at the function included Dr. R. M Alagappa Chettiar, Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner and Director of Public Instruction, Mr. V. N. Subbaroyan, the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.

Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav who presided said that along with Dr. Besant, Sri Krishna Menon played a great part in laying the foundations of the Movement in India. She said that, Mr. Krishna Menon was closely associated with Mr Nehru and was known for his remarkable power of exposition and intellectual eminence, She said that the Scout Movement in this State was taking good interest in social service and cultural work.

Dr. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar, in his welcome address paid a tribute to the services of Mr. Krishna Menon to our country and the part he played in effecting the cease-fire agreement in Indo-China

Sri Menon said that the great role of the Scout Movement lay in developing a spirit of fraternity all round. It would be dangerous to allow 'divisions among the people to continue'. Team spirit, tolerance, and the appreciation of the fact that "the effort of two is greater than that of one" were essential for their progress

He said that the country was passing through a critical period both in national and international affairs. He expressed the hope that the Scout Movement would work for the unity of the country

Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy. State Secretary proposing a vote of thanks requested Sri Menon to associate himself in some honorary capacity with the movement as it would be a source of help and inspiration to them.

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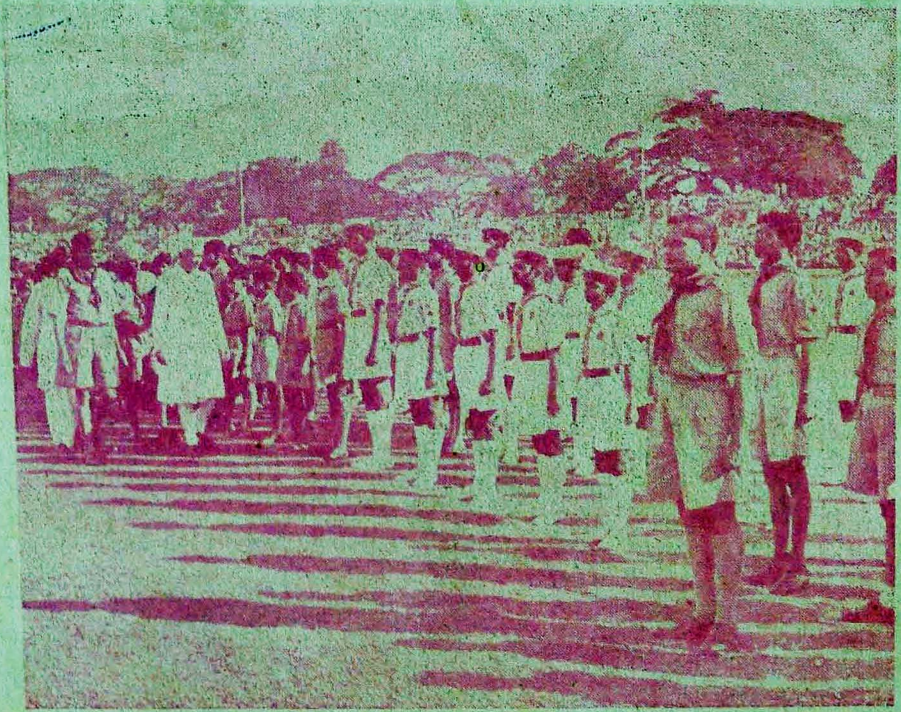

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